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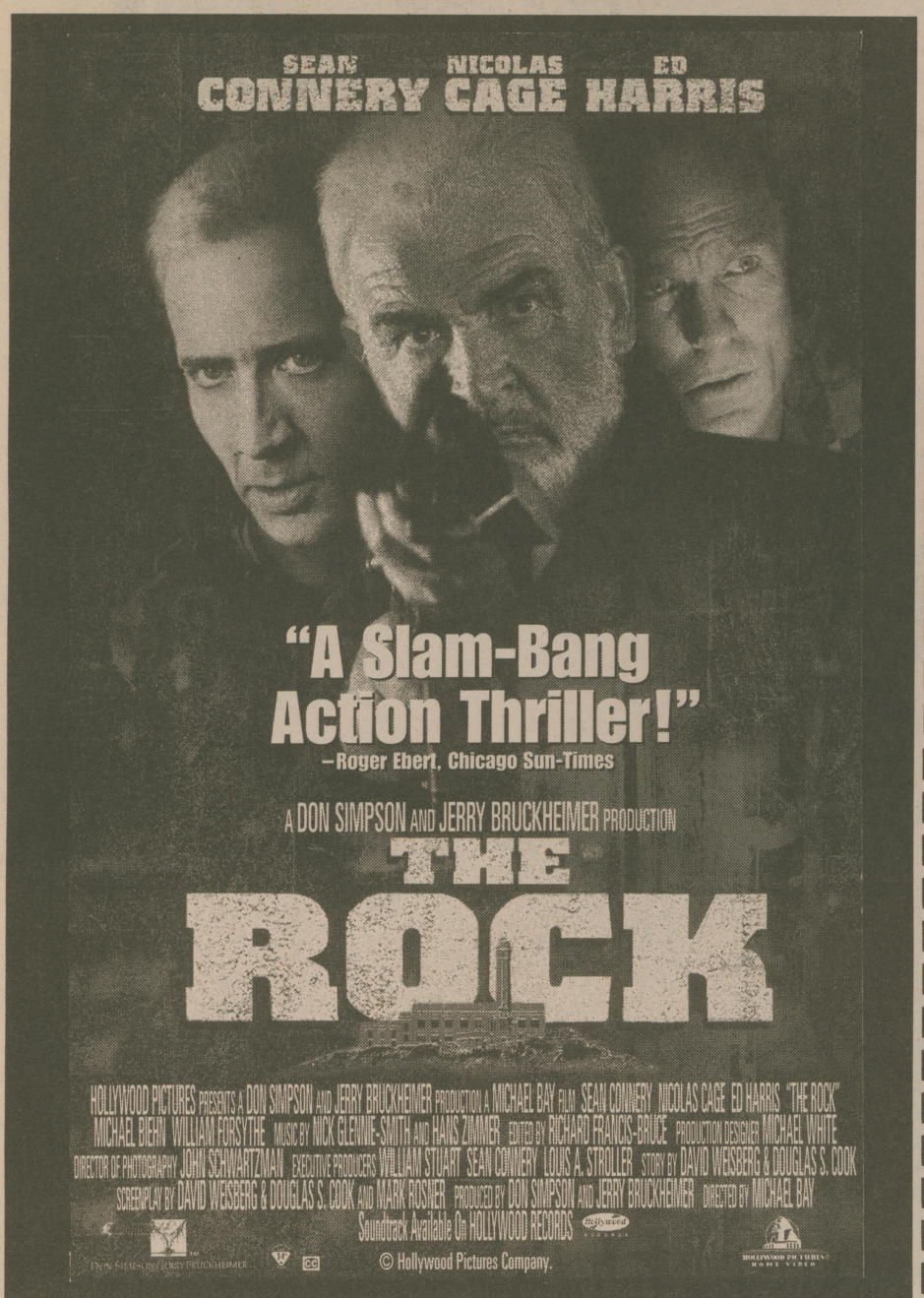
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First UVic woman chancellor takes her post

by Calinda Brown

Dr. Norma Mickelson started her new job Jan. 1, taking over as chancellor of the University of Victoria.

She is the first woman to hold this post at UVic. Her duties will include conferring degrees and sitting on the Senate and the Board of Governors, UVic's governing bodies.

"I want to be a visible chancellor," Mickelson said. "I hope students will see the chancellor as someone concerned about student issues, although all issues affecting the university affect the students."

"I want to be a visible chancellor."

Mickelson first came to UVic as a lecturer in 1967 in the Faculty of Education. In 1980, she became the dean of the faculty—the first woman academic dean in Canada.

Eight hundred and eighty-four members of the convocation, including grads, faculty and some employees, voted for Mickelson.

"My election is an indication of how UVic feels," said Mickelson.

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New UVic Chancellor Norma Mickelson

"It is helpful for students to see women succeed based on merit."

Mickelson's previous work for UVic includes setting up the equity office and helping to define UVic's equity policy.

"Equity means equal opportunity for everyone, so women students and others have equal opportunity to participate in university life," she said. "Since 1980, we've come a long way, but all of us at the university have to be vigilant and ensure there is equal opportunity for all.

"Gender is one aspect of equality but it includes making sure there is access to library stacks and classrooms."

Mickelson said UVic is world-class in certain departments and feels the university's new Strategic Plan will help maintain and build that reputation.

"It spells out the direction we want to go in and how we want to develop our priorities," she said.

Mickelson's respect and regard for UVic convinced her to run for the position of chancellor and she wants to work with the whole university community to focus on UVic and its challenges.

"I hope we can all work together to put UVic in the forefront of all our endeavours," she said.

Group's give-away boosts Xmas spirits

by Robin Pridy

The year 1996 brought us two new terms for homelessness and starvation— "urban camping" and "food insecure."

While these words may go down easier for those who want to deny poverty exists in Canada, a new group of Victorians called the Unemployed Action League is refusing to swallow such tasty re-phrasings.

To express their support for people in financial need, the UAL held a Christmas Give-Away at the city's downtown welfare office Dec. 18. Throughout the day, UAL members handed out free bagels and coffee, shoes, posters and leaflets to those waiting in line for welfare checks.

"It went very well. We did what we set out to do," said UAL member Lucho Barahona, who said about 12–15 people were on hand to give away free items. "It felt really nice afterwards."

The shoes and bagels were donated by local businesses such as John's Surplus Army Store. According to Barahona, others expressed their support. Some people even wanted to join the UAL.

And though they are accepting new members, the group's single office supply is a telephone. But this may soon change.

"I'm super–taken by how people called," said Barahona. "We have to get a small space somewhere because there's a lot of interest."

The UAL's main concern is with the growing economic gap between the rich and the poor in Canada.

"We find it ridiculous that Bank of Montreal CEO Matthew Barrett's earnings, for example, have doubled since 1994 to $3.9 million in 1996," says UAL member Rob Duffy. "That's $74,000 per week while benefits to B.C. welfare recipients have been slashed to $43.75 per week after rent."

Fighting back is the only way these inequalities will shrink, says Duffy. "It's time for us, the unemployed and poor in Canada, to organize in our own economic and political interests."

Although the UAL hasn't planned anything specific for the coming year, Barahona says they will continue to fight for those Canadians living in poverty. Judging by UAL's recent record, this means tackling issues with action and generosity rather than attempting any slick re-packaging.

For more information, phone the UAL at 385-3436.

UVic snow costs mounting

by Sharon Bennett

If only it could snow like that during midterms.

Like most of Victoria, UVic was accessible only by snowshoe, ski or snowplow after a fierce storm shut down the city during the last two weeks of 1996.

While UVic suffered minimal damage, the Gordon Head Complex field house collapsed under snowfall's crushing weight. The complex, which houses five tennis courts, will be closed until further notice.

"Two of the roof membranes are damaged," said Wayne MacDonald, manager of Athletics and Recreation Services, "The engineers and insurance people were in to look at it last week, and they closed it. It'll be open as soon as facilities management makes the repairs and says its safe."

Facilities Management staff are uncertain when the field house will be re-opened. According to acting-Director Vic Golinsky, the engineer's damage report is not ready yet, but costs are estimated at $25,000.

The damage brings the university's bill for the storm to nearly $50,000. Grounds Manager Tony James says the bill for snow removal is at $20,000 with the extra labour and equipment rentals and more bills are still coming in."

Compared to the rest of Victoria, the storm had a minimal effect on students and campus employees because university offices were closed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2 for Christmas break. While most students were away, campus security remained open despite the white stuff.

According to Security Services Director Hunter MacDonald, neither snow nor sleet nor freezing rain could keep his staff from their posts.

"It was hell," said MacDonald. "Some people had to walk two amd a half hours, leaving home at three or four a.m., to get to work. Some staff were stuck on campus for two days."

Campus Security kept their beacon beaming throughout the holidays. They held an open house on Christmas Day for anyone spending the holidays on campus, hand-delivering invitations to students living in residence.

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Alternative budget tackles social deficit

by Sharon Bennett

Every year at the end of February, the federal government releases its annual budget, and every year Canadians hunker down and await the bad news.

But some people have discovered alternatives to the cutbacks.

Since 1995, CHO!CES, a Winnipeg-based social justice coalition, along with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives in Ottawa, has drafted an Alternative Federal Budget as proof that the federal deficit can be reduced without slashing social programs.

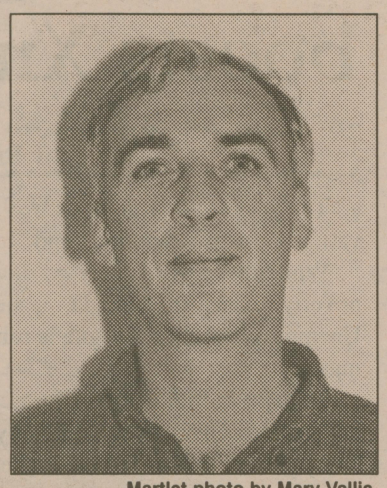
"The government mystifies the budget process," said former CHO!CES member Mike Gidora, now living in Victoria. "So we came up with some basic principles, such as maintaining social programs and full employment, and got together with people in health care, labour activists, students and so on.

"We asked ourselves, what is important in our society?"

"The deficit could be cut without slashinng social programs"

While CHO!ICES is the number-crunching force behind the alternative budget, it is based the work of discussion groups across the country. Over 40 labour, church, and women's groups organize working groups to discuss social policy priorities, then send their recommendations to CHO!CES.

Locally, Action Victoria will host an alternative-budget school Saturday. The group hopes to include community groups in the budget process.



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Mike Gidora will be one of the speakers of this weekend's budget school

"The school will be an introduction to what the Alternative Federal Budget is, its underpinnings, and the process of making a budget," said organizer Joop Schuuf.

Last year's AFB had the national deficit reduced to zero by the year 2000, while maintaining and even improving social programs.

But some leftist Canadians are critical of the AFB. They say the budget buys into the government's "monster deficit" myth, and that the budget is no more radical than an early-'70s Liberal budget.

According to Gidora, CHO!CES never intended to do anything radical. "When you get 300 people together to discuss social policy, there's going to be some trade-offs," he said.

As for the AFB's concern about the deficit, interests rates and the GDP, Gidora says they wanted to take the wind out of the government's rationale for cutting social programs.

"We want to make the political point that the deficit could be cut without slashing social programs, right now, even within the fiscal constraints the Liberals face," said Gidora. "We don't think their parameters are important, but we wanted to prove we could do it even with their parameters."

The AFB also tackles post-secondary education, addressing funding cutbacks and the need for pan-Canadian standards. The Canadian Federation of Students has been leading the PSE focus group, and drafted a plan that not only reverses cutbacks, but eliminates tuition fees by the year 2000.

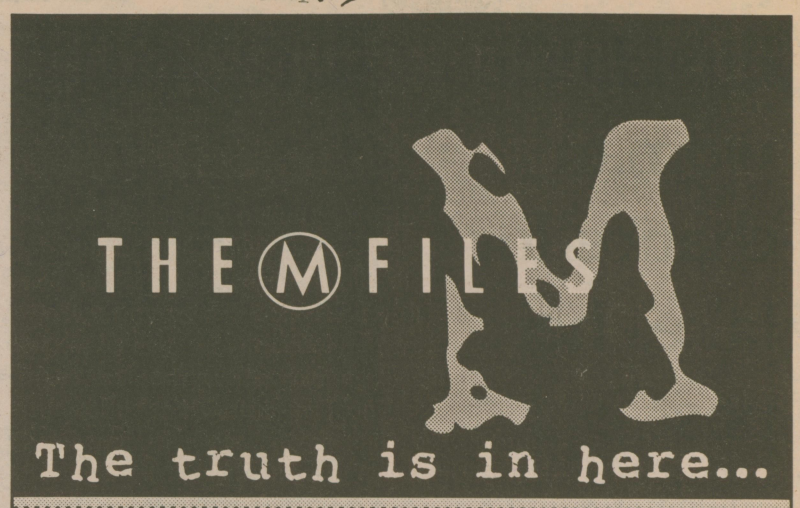
CFS Campaigns Coordinator Maura Parte says corporations in Canada should be held responsible for some of the costs of education.

"One of the things we'd eventually like to see is a minimum corporate tax for post-secondary education," says Parte.

"Corporations are no longer training employees, they're relying on universities to train people for them for free."

The discussion papers drafted by the 13 focus groups will be available for discussion at Saturday's budget school. Gidora says the discussion groups will focus on two key areas: social policy and taxation.

The school will be held at the BCGEU Building at 2994 Douglas St., Sat. Jan. 11, starting at 9:30 a.m. Discussion papers discussion group listservers, and more information about the AFB, can be found on the internet at http://infoweb.magi.com/~ccpa/afb96t.html (or just search "CHO!CES" with Yahoo).



by John Trueman

The "college" system has shaped the development of UVic and other Canadian institutions. Ontario's Trent University broke new ground in 1964 when it announced that the new university would subdivide all its students into a number of residential colleges, irrespective of their area of study. Some students remain in residences while others live elsewhere, sharing the college's facilities.

It may have been this model UVic was trying to emulate in 1965 when it decided to establish a "co-curricular" college system. The initial idea was to convert Emily Carr and Margaret Newton residences into a college complex. It would later be named Craigdarroch.

Prospective students were invited to apply for entry into Craigdarroch, and a cross-section of candidates from all four years were selected for membership.

The second college in the same vein, known as Lansdowne, was completed in late 1969. It comprised six concrete buildings. In addition, the current Craigdarroch Office Building was constructed to provide study rooms for residents of Craigdarroch college. The Cadboro Commons Block was built with duplicate facilities; the two colleges would share one kitchen but eat in separate dining rooms.

The eventual plan was for every student to be associated with one of six colleges, each with its own "master" and "senior fellows."

"The college system allows each student to join a college grouping while continuing to take part in the academic life of the university as a whole," wrote UVic President Malcolm Taylor in a report. "It is designed to combat the sense of alienation that all too often afflicts those who enroll in today's multiversities."

A lack of capital funds prevented any further residences from being built until 1977, when the Gordon Head residences were opened. But by 1972 it was clear the college system had been somewhat short of a success.

Despite the ongoing efforts of college officials, the system never really became popular with students. One of the first actions of acting president Hugh Farquhar was to quietly preside over the burial of UVic's college system.

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Kids in the hall: model parliamentarians play at politics

by Adam Turner

Campus politicians got to play at the real thing at the B.C. Legislature this weekend.

Participants in the 23rd Annual University Model Parliament came from across the province to act out a four-day session of parliament in the B.C. Legislature.

Participants debated bills and resolutions with regular parliamentary rules.

There was no reluctance to take on tough issues. Debate raged over decriminalizing doctor-assisted suicide, a victim's bill of rights and a Liberal resolution to withhold funding to provinces that allow abortions for the purpose of gender selection.

Private freestanding abortion clinics would also be disallowed because having private clinics is "an abdication of enforcing the Canada Health Act," according to the Liberal resolution.

One participant described the debate as "wrenching" and very divisive within individual parties.

Most of the debate was inspired by debating society tradition and ranged from the absurd to the bawdy. The NDP put forward "A Resolution To Promote an International Day for the Recognition of Rednecks."

Conservative party leader Jason Hickman exemplified the debating society tradition. In reference to model parliament member Donovan Kuehn's bid for the real provincial NDP leadership, Hickman asked how "someone who couldn't beat someone named Corky" could be taken seriously. Corky Evans ran against Glen Clark for the leadership after Harcourt resigned.

Visiting politicians addressed the house, including Agriculture Minister Corky Evans who had few kind words of his own. Motioning to where the press gallery sits, he described reporters as the "bunch of jerks who usually sit up there."

He accused the gallery of having the attitude that politicians come to line their pockets and stroke their egos.

"If more women were involved there would be less tendency to see it as a game"
-Ritu Mahil

Evans also cautioned his "brothers and sisters" that "being true to your values is more important than sitting in power."

David Mitchell got a view from the other side of the dias. A former B.C. Liberal, then an independent MLA, Mitchell was chosen as the mock Governor-General.

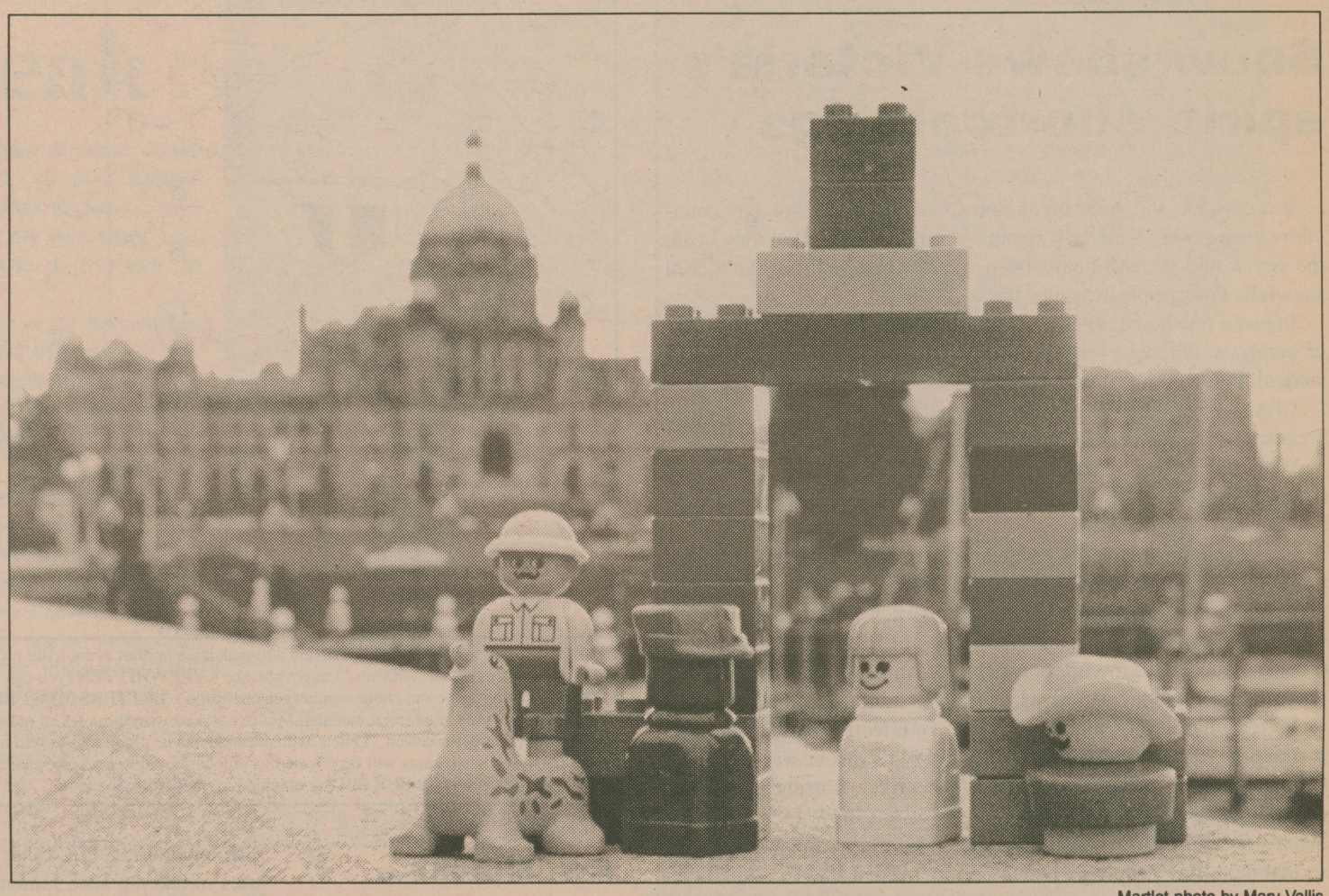
Mitchell said the debate in the model parliament was "really refreshing" and said it was crucial for participants to learn "how to have dialogue with people of other beliefs." The debate, he said, was "far superior" to the real thing. Real MLA's play to the press gallery instead of engaging in genuine dialogue, said Mitchell.

Unfortunately, one aspect of parliament that didn't change was the lack of women represented in the House. The Reform party had no women in their 12 member caucus. Only the NDP had a significant number of women participating.

"I realize how hard it was for women in politics," said NDP Leader Ritu Mahil. "If more women were involved there would be less tendency to see it as a game."

SFU Liberal President Andrea Wright disagreed whether gender would make a difference. She thought it "would depend on the women."

Mahil questioned SFU student David Keto on how he could be a model-parliament Conservative deputy leader and the president of the youth wing of the B.C. Liberal party simultaneously. Keto's replied that he would take to heart a button he found at the last NDP convention, "Liberals are Tories too."



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Political playtime: an artist's rendition of model parliament held last week at the Legislature.

Mahil said the similarity of the three parties was what gave her a "greater sense of the need for the NDP."

"Parliament makes it difficult in Canada to pass progressive legislation," added Mahil.

"The backroom deal has its place though," says government House Leader and UVic Young Liberal President Steve Vander Wal. Clauses of legislation must be negotiated in return for gaining essential voting support from other parties.

In order to give participants practice at negotiating, no party has a majority so they need the votes of others to pass mock bills and resolutions. The distribution of seats is determined by polling the three main B.C. campuses by asking them who they would support in the next election. If there is a majority then that party's seats are reduced.

UVic Board of Governors student representative Theresa Sabourin had much less confidence in the role of parties.

"The problem is more towards the parties, not the functioning of the house," Sabourin said, adding that parties maintain the adversarial atmosphere of "grandstanding, showing off and fist pounding."

The atmosphere was in stark contrast to UVSS debates as the Speaker rigidly enforced speaking order and decorum. Members are required to bow to the Speaker upon entering or leaving the House and jackets and ties for men and dresses or skirts for women are the order of the day.

It is important to understand and preserve this history, argues honourary Speaker of the House and real-life Committee Clerk of the Legislature Neil Reimer.

"The traditions preserve a link to the past," Reimer said.

Rituals that may seem ridiculous today were at one time deadly serious. Speakers act as chairs of the legislature and are elected by their peers. When elected they are literally dragged to the chair. This dates to medieval times where the speaker was the person chosen to deliver bad news to the king. "A few were not received well and executed," said Reimer.

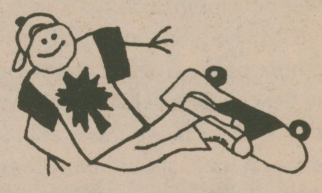
To this day, members of the press gallery sit out of sight behind the speaker and are never acknowledged. Officially they don't exist. Historically, deliberations of the house were kept secret. Today, only members of the press gallery can record notes. No other recording devices are allowed in the House.

Some famous names like Charles Dickens and Samuel Taylor Coleridge used to bribe doorkeepers to sneak in a notepad.

Some early journalists were imprisoned for their efforts, said Reimer. Today, *Hansard*, or the recording of the House, is the only official record.

Past Model Parliament Prime Ministers or opposition leaders have gone on to be campaign managers for the B.C. Liberals such as Greg Lyle, or sitting MLAs like current Liberal environment critic Christy Clark. Judy Tyabji of the Progressive Democratic Alliance was also a model parliament participant.

"Cross-party friendships are what model parliament is all about," said current model-Prime Minister Bryan Mathews. "It is a privilege not only to be in the house, but to be sitting in the seat of 'power.'"



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EDITORIAL

Snow shows Victoria's spirit, shortcomings

It seems that Victoria Mayor Bob Cross and his fellow city councilors were never in the Boy Scouts or Girl Guides. Had they been, the city would certainly have been more "prepared" for the record snowfalls that crippled the city last week.

In just a few hours, the snowstorm left Victoria in a four-day state of paralysis. Airports, ferries, emergency crews and health services were all hindered by snow-choked streets.

CFAX radio, a private station, stepped in and used their signal to broadcast emergency messages and help coordinate relief efforts.

How can Victoria claim to be ready for earthquakes, floods and other disasters when just three feet of white stuff was enough to cripple the city?

Our mild climate seems to have lulled some Victoria politicians into a false sense of security. We understand many of B.C. politicos were in warmer regions when the snow struck. Let us offer them a reminder as they return home: This may not be Saskatoon, but it is Canada. We still have winters capable of bringing record snowfalls. Last week's whiteout should stand as a wake-up call to the city.

Victoria has a long way to go before an effective emergency plan is in place. If the storm taught us anything, it's that scores of volunteers are willing to assist when disaster strikes. During the storm, many learned who their neighbours were and how to help them. What's needed now is an organizing effort to help direct volunteers so that next time people go where they're needed.

We can only hope that this neighborhood spirit will stay with us throughout the New Year, and not melt away when the snow does. If this spirit stays, Victoria's residents will "be prepared" for an earthquake or similar natural disaster. We can only hope City Council will be better prepared.

Sexual abuse smashes gender lines

They're sitting next to you on the bus or in class. They run banks, corporations and countries. And now they are in the NHL.

Predators and their survivors.

It sounds more like an episode of Montel or Ricki Lake rather than a sad fact of our daily life. No one can pick out who will prey on others sexually, or which people have survived a sexual assault and grown up or moved on.

Sheldon Kennedy is a member of the Boston Bruins. Kennedy was a member of the Swift Current Broncos, where he was sexually abused by his coach, Graham James.

Kennedy's brave move this week, to come forward and speak about his experience, should be recognized. But there are some questions to ask.

Why does it take the humiliation and degradation of a sports figure to wake others up to the reality of sexual abuse? Kennedy tried to forget by abusing alcohol. The coaches and management of his former team, the Calgary Flames, didn't ask why one of their players needed to drown any sorrows. They just called him a heavy drinker and accepted his occasional bouts of pity or anger as a part of his personality. Accepted, that is, until they placed him on waivers last year.

Even after the recent stories of sexual abuse that have become media hot potatoes, like the scandals at the Mt. Cashore orphanage and the residential school at Port Alberni, the revelations about James' actions have shocked fans and parents.

Women's groups have recognized the danger of sexual predators for a long time and have fought for children's and women's stories to be believed in the courts, the media and the public eye. Because of that hard and often thankless work, Kennedy could come forward last week.

It will be an uncomfortable irony if the glamour of hockey works where many years of litigation, activism and pain have not.

The new Sexual Assault Centre in SUB B027 has male volunteers who can help men who have survived sexual abuse. And as always, women who have suffered abuse can come to the Centre. Their phone number is 472-4388.

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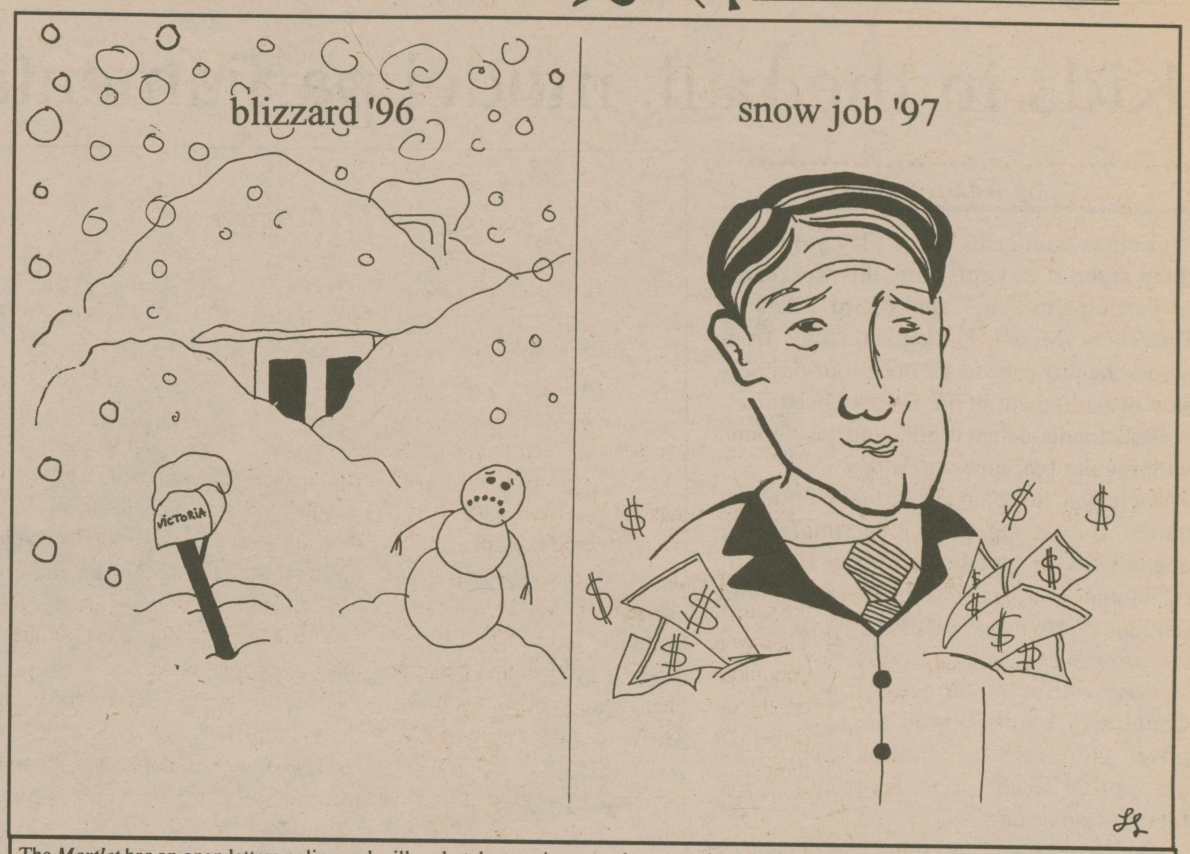

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Editors:

Thanks for the copies of the very well-written article that you did on mines for *the Martlet.* This issue is such a huge humanitarian one that efforts by writers such as yourself to bring to the attention of others is extremely appreciated. My name was recently drawn for the land mines bill, but unfortunately the government refused to deem it votable and therefore it cannot become law. In December, I have to go to Washington for a couple of days in an effort to convince Parliamentarians in other countries to take up such humanitarian issues such as a ban on land mines.

Keith Martin, MP
Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca

They got our vote

Editors:

I'm sure some of the readers caught this story recently in the local media–A 73-year-old pensioner was fined in Provincial Court $20 for the horrendous crime of foraging bottles and cans out of the blue boxes. So now it's a crime to be poor in BC. I would like to nominate the neighbor who turned him in as "Pig of the Year."

David Nash

Editors:

We would like to draw your attention to a policy of UVic Housing that is unfair, and inconsistent; that is their policy regarding outdoor Christmas lights and decorations.

Last week we set up an outdoor display of Christmas lights and a glowing Santa with glowing candles for two reasons: to promote the cheer and spirit of the season and for a University-sanctioned window display competition. As a result, our exhibition has been very well-received by other students, some of whom have begun friendly competition with us.

We put a lot of effort into setting the display up and taking it down will take just as much time and energy as setting up did. Also, it is now one day before the start of exams, and taking the display down has become much more of a distraction from studies than it would have been earlier in the week.

When asked why the decorations had to come down we were told they were a hazard, which is interesting since the University has their own outdoor lights up at each entrance to ring road. Another note is that some family housing units, which fall under UVic's jurisdiction, also have outdoor lights set up.

Supervisor of Housing Gavin Quiney also made a point of asking us where we obtained our glowing Santa, commenting that someone else's had been stolen. He even went so far as to ask if we had a receipt for our purchase. The insinuation that we might have stolen our glowing Santa was extremely insulting and debasing.

It is interesting to note that Housing waited until today to tell us, seeing as today the last edition of the Martlet (the UVic student newspaper) for 1996 was printed. Since our student newspaper has stopped publishing for the remainder of 1996, we were hoping that you could bring attention to this situation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Brian Arthur
Anthony Howe
Joe Martincic
Scott Moseley

the Martlet

Quote of the week:

"I think you're a juvenile and that's all I'm going to say about it."
–Victoria lawyer Doug Christie on Martlet *Editor–in–Chief, Andrew Lupton.*

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SOAPBOX

Ageism thrives on the 404

by John Trueman

"Get off my bus," said the driver to the kid, who couldn't have been older than 14. He had done nothing wrong, boarding the bus at the busy Richmond stop with several of his friends. After depositing the requisite fare, he was greeted with the driver's stern directive. "This bus isn't going anywhere until you get off," commanded the driver. The kid responded with "Why should I? What did I do?" But the driver remained stern and offered no explanation.

Moments later, two other kids of about the same age asked the driver for a transfer. They were surprised to be told "That'll cost you another 35 cents." When they protested, the driver harshly responded "Sit down or get out." Discouraged, they returned to their seats.

I don't know any of these kids; I hadn't seen them before I took the 404 bus in Vancouver last Thursday. For all I know, they could be escaped convicts with a history of hijacking buses. But chances are that they're ordinary kids suffering from one of the few forms of discrimination that is still legal: discrimination on the basis of age.

Watching these incidents, I was taken back to my own childhood, not that long ago. I remember the store clerk at Eaton's, who helped three adults who were in line behind me before selling me a tie for Father's Day. I remember the Ontario Science Centre lecturer who continually ignored my raised hand and instead dealt with questions from people who, not coincidentally, were three times my age. I remember my high school principal telling me that I could not run for the Student Council Executive, by virtue of the fact that I was not in grade 12 or OAC, which "limited my life experience."

Face it: our society is designed to ignore our youth. The 1950s maxim of "children should be seen but not heard" still exists in many facets of our community. Young people are often seen by their elders as pesky, whiny rodents, and are treated as such.

We wonder why children grow into teenage criminals. Have they no respect for life, property, and our community? Yet we show them no respect. All too often, youth are not treated as equals, so why should they be expected to behave as equals? In many cases, we assume that they will behave in an unacceptable fashion. Obviously, that Vancouver bus driver saw a threat in that 14 year-old boy. But if you expect kids to be criminals, chances are that some of them will find a way to make it happen.

If those kids on the bus were black or female or disabled, there might be community outrage at their treatment. Age-discrimination is just as deplorable, yet nobody is likely to take action on their behalf. Even if they were allowed to appeal to BC Transit, it is likely that they wouldn't be taken seriously.

Many of us here at UVic will eventually find ourselves in a position where we will be shaping the minds of our young people. We can either treat them like dirt and be no better than that Vancouver bus driver (or the store clerk, or the lecturer, or the principal), or we can treat them with the respect they deserve and we expect.

Soapbox is a venue for Martlet staff to express individual opinions. Submissions are voted on at Monday editorial meetings

Christie asks *Martlet* to retract editorial

Victoria lawyer Doug Christie has given *the Martlet* a 30-day deadline to apologize for editorial comments made in the Nov. 7 edition.

Christie took exception to *the Martlet* calling Christie's Canadian Free Speech League "extremist thugs" who used the Victoria Public Library as a "venue to spread hate."

In a letter addressed to *the Martlet*, Christie writes, "I am giving you an opportunity within the next 30 days to write a retraction of those remarks and an apology for any suggestions that myself and the persons in attendance on behalf of the Canadian Free Speech League were engaged in the promotion of hatred."

In the letter, Christie also advises *the Martlet* to "seek legal advice on this point."

However, after consulting with legal counsel, *Martlet* Managing Editor Jess Howard and Editor-in-Chief Andrew Lupton have decided against running an apology, saying the comments fall within the boundaries of fair comment.

"*The Martlet* stands behind its comments about Christie and his Free Speech League," said Lupton.

"Our defence in this issue is truth and fair comment. The meeting in question was hosted by Christie's Free Speech League and attended by people who've promoted hate and published racist views in the past."

"These people include Doug Collins, who suggested Holocaust deaths were exaggerated in a column he wrote in the *North Shore News*," said Lupton.

Another attendee at the Oct. 26 meeting included Tony McAleer. McAleer operated a telephone chat line that carried hate messages until a human rights tribunal pulled the plug.

Christie's client list also includes Ernst Zundel, who in 1985 was found guilty of willfully causing harm to racial harmony after publishing a booklet that claimed the Holocaust was a Jewish hoax.

The Victoria lawyer has defended other holocaust deniers such as Malcom Ross, whose books allege the Nazi slaughter of Jews during the Second World War was exaggerated.

When contacted by *the Martlet*, Christie refused to comment about the letter.

"I think you're a juvenile and that's all I'm going to say about it," Christie said.

Christie has a history of launching libel suits, sometimes successfully, sometimes not. In 1984 Christie was awarded $30,000 in damages for comments published by columnist John Geiger in the *Edmonton Sun*.

In his article, Geiger called Christie and Western Canada Concept Party supporters members of a "lunatic fringe" and an "Alberta version of the Klu Klux Klan."

In 1985 Christie launched an unsuccessful libel suit against CKNW radio host Gary Bannerman after the open-line host said: "Doug Christie has aligned himself so many times with these perverted monsters that he has to be viewed as one himself, in my view."

A jury found that Bannerman's words were defamatory but constituted fair comment and were used without malice.

"I find that ironic that on one hand, Christie claims to be such a starch defender of free speech, then calls for a retraction when a journalist writes something he doesn't like," Lupton said.

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So long Som

The province is evicting more than half the squatt who remain, on private land, face increasing press

by Sharon Bennett

By Sunday noon the winds at Sombrio had banished the half-dozen surfers back up the trail to their Westphalias, forcing them to abandon some of the best surf yet this winter. As the squall drew a curtain of grey across the Juan de Fuca Strait, the two large geese in Steve and Barbara's beachfront yard honked nervously.

"They've been in the water—once," Barbara says, grinning. The small faces of four of her children peer out beside her as she leans out her living room window. "The first day we had the geese, they went for a swim in the ocean—someone found the one down at the other end of the beach and brought him back. They've never been in since."

Four goats, a dozen chickens, a dog and a cat round out Barb and Steve's menagerie. Theirs is probably the most established household in the Sombrio Beach squatter's community, population 30, about 70 km west of Victoria. Steve settled here in 1974, met Barbara a few years later, and together have had nine children—five of whom were born in their beachfront home.

But the land they squat is coveted land. The three acres at the mouth of the Sombrio River, owned by a Seattle family, is one of the last pieces of the puzzle needed to complete the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail. The new provincial park and 49 km hiking trail, yet to be officially designated, will connect Jordan River and Port Renfrew, and all the coast in between.

The province is adamant: the squatters must go. Barb and Steve's home, and the other two houses on the private property are being left alone for the time being, but BC Parks served eviction notices to the some 20 people squatting on the neighbouring Crown land last month. They're giving the squatters until Jan. 31 to move—or get moved.

"I think there's a public expectation that the squatters will be moved off, but also park regulations don't allow residences in provincial parks," says Dave Chater, BC Parks district manager. "The fundamental reason they can't stay is the Parks Act, but there's public expectation for that area to be used by all residents of B.C. and not just a few who want to live on the beach."

The park is only the latest in the long string of exploits Sombrio has seen. Besides the surfers and squatters that have peopled the place since the mid 1960s, gold fever also had its era at Sombrio. In 1910, the largest placer mine on the island was in operation at Sombrio. At that time, Sombrio Mining Enterprises had an office, blacksmith shop, stable, cookhouse and bunkhouse for 20 men.

More recently, Western Forest Products started making moves to log the area above the beach in the early 1980s. In an attempt to circumvent the logging prospects, BC Parks submitted a proposal to make Sombrio a park in 1983. They cited the scarcity of camping facilities on the south island—69 sites at French Beach—as inadequate to the needs of the growing urban population. And since people had already been using the area for recreation, it was the logical target for development as a park.

Despite BC Parks' scramble to claim the land, the logging proposal won out. WFP logged the area in 1985, save a 200-metre wide strip of old growth along the beach.

The current plan for the Juan de Fuca Trail, drafted by Parks planners in October, would eliminate logging and silvaculture within park boundaries, and areas that have been "changed" by industry would be returned to their "natural conditions."

Some of the beach's long-time residents are not sticking around to watch the wild beach become managed wilderness. Earlier this fall the province posted a sign on Hwy. 14 indicating the public access road, and the increased traffic has been enough incentive for some to vacate. A few have already headed for new squats in the Sooke Hills.

But others are still not convinced the province will go through with the evictions.

"I don't believe they're going to do it," said Jamie Edwards. "It's winter—where's everyone going to go?"

Edwards has only been at Sombrio for a few months, but she's enraptured. "I'm here because of the magic of the beach and the magic of the people who have the strength to live here," she said. "This is definitely ducking out of the system, but this isn't the easy way out. This winter is going to be really hard."

Eric Bushell makes silver and brass jewelry which he sells at galleries in Victoria. He's one of several artists living at Sombrio, and says he doesn't see why a squatte provincial park are uses for the land.

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Some of the squatters are looking to the First Nations as the authority on how the land should be used. Bernie, a wood carver at Sombrio, says the beach has been a sacred site for natives for thousands of years.

"It's the Pacheenaht's job to evict us, not the Parks people," Bernie said. "This is Indian land."

But like many squatters, Bernie feels society has come too close for comfort, and he's not sad to have to go.

"Oh no, I'm really happy to leave. Too many people here," Bernie told *the Martlet* in October. "I've learned loads and loads of things since I've come down here, and now I can go and do it all over again—make a garden, build a house."

Sombrio's treasures are far from unknown to locals. According to Ian Sherwin, this is Sombrio's golden era—literally. Sherwin visited the placer mining operation at Sombrio in 1948, and gold fever is still burning his brow. He has held the mineral lease to the area between Loss and Sombrio Rivers for the past 20 years.

Sherwin wants to put an end to myths about who owns the property at the mouth of the river, and he's fed up with media references to the "foreigner" who owns it. "A close living link with an extraordinary Canadian pioneer would be a more fitting description," Sherwin wrote last month a letter to the *Times Colonist*.

Ritchie Gallop, a New Brunswick native, helped build the CPR through the Rockies and later worked on the first road over the Malahat. It was he, and subsequently his daughter Jean Kinsmen, who owned the three-acre parcel of land at the mouth of the Sombrio River until Mrs. Kinsmen's death last summer. Gallop managed the placer mine at Sombrio from 1910 until it fizzled out in the 1940s.

Sherwin says he was moved to set the record straight by a poem he came across, written by Gallop. "I've carved my name deep in the bark on many a lonely tree, and passers by some day may ask, now who in hell was he," Gallop wrote.

Triangle Ventures, of which Sherwin is president, has been doing extensive metallurgical studies on the complex gold, platinum, and iron deposits in the gravels around Sombrio River for several years. The planned park throws a speed bump in his hopes to someday extract the precious metals from the gravels, making it difficult for him to access the foreshore area protected by the park.

Sherwin admits his criticism of the park is self-serving, but says he's also concerned about the landscape. He believes his placer mine could co-exist with the recreational use of Sombrio, and without botching the beauty of the place, as he says Parks has done.

According to Sherwin, as well as several squatters, the lagoon at the mouth of the Sombrio River has been ruined by the construction of a suspension bridge, which involved cutting down several large trees.

"All they needed to do was move further upstream, fall one big spruce across the river, cut the top off and make a lovely natural bridge," says Sherwin. "But instead they've built this bridge at the right angle of the river and if there's one rule every bridge builder knows, you never build at the right angle of a river. That river gets pretty rough around there and it'll take out the foundation."

Now crews have had to install a concrete foundation for the bridge, and take down five old-growth spruce from the lagoon.

"They've taken all these fabulous trees and felled them right into the Sombrio River," Sherwin says scornfully. "They've opened up the wind in this area and now all the remaining trees will probably fall."

Parks still has an eye on the river-mouth property. But District Manager Dave Chater says he doesn't think they'll be acquiring it any time soon.

"We've indicated our interest to the land owner, but I don't see anything happening in the short term," Chater said.

Sherwin kept in contact with Mrs. Kinsmen and her family until her death this summer. He says her estate is still in probate, and her two sons don't want to discuss their plans for the property until the lawyers are "finished all their lawyering."

According to Sherwin, one of the Kinsmen sons is not pleased with the squatter's camp littering the beach that was preserved from the logging.

Steve, the father of nine who lives on the property, was not aware that Mrs. Kinsmen had died. He told *the Martlet* he wished he could have contacted her and send pictures of the homestead. He said he thought she'd be touched to see how her land has remained so well-loved and cared for over the many decades of Sombrio's human history.

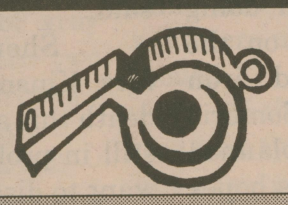
Steve's connection with the surf, and other surfers, is what keeps him there, he says, and he's enjoyed helping fellow surfers work on their boards in his workshop over the years.

"I don't really want to own property—it's not in my spirit," Steve says. "Why do I need property? I'm rich without it."

photo: Sharon Bennett

Purchasing the play-offs

STUDENT SPORTS CALL



So much for tradition.

You have to walk before you can run. You have to wait your turn in line. You have to keep quiet until everyone else has finished. You have to earn your wings.

Unless, of course, you're an expansion team.

I was one of those purists who cringed when the Florida Panthers went all the way to the Stanley Cup finals in only their third season. I used to have respect for baseball until I watched the Colorado Rockies strut into the play-offs. And, as far as I'm concerned, the CFL officially died when Baltimore, of all cities, won the Grey Cup.

Now? We have two teams in the NFL conference finals who didn't even exist at this point two years ago. And even though both are considered underdogs, should Jacksonville keep up their giant-killing ways and Carolina maintain the momentum they've generated from their victory over last year's Super Bowl champs... argh, I shudder to think.

All of this would be less infuriating if my favourite sport wasn't basketball. The NBA is the only league in sports doing its best to keep the expansion teams in the basement. Neither Vancouver nor Toronto will have a chance to draft the best college player until the end of the century — that honour is reserved for the worst team in the NBA other than the two Canadian ones. The back-to-back miracle drafts of Orlando killed that possibility forever.

And remember that free-agent circus during the summer? The one where the New York Knicks gave themselves a makeover and the Los Angeles Lakers became a powerhouse again? Toronto and Vancouver didn't even have the full salary cap to work with, effectively killing their chances at the big-name players. In fact, the only thing our teams could do was play the jackal, picking up the scraps after the feast. And there isn't going to be another feast like that in a long time.

Did the Panthers or the Jaguars have the same kinds of restrictions? Nope.

They got as many chances at the good players as the other teams, and with no financial handcuffs, either. Sure, they made the most out of their opportunities, but they shouldn't have been given any. Someone should have taken away their first-round picks, or shortened the expansion draft, something, anything!

If I have to watch an All-Wildcat final coupled with another record-setting Grizzlies' losing streak, I just might go crazy.

by Andrew Musgrave

Hey students, if your Student Sports Call gets printed in *the Martlet* you'll receive two free passes to the ODEON THEATRE

Student Sports Call is a column dedicated to hearing students opinions and voices about sport issues on and off campus. Submissions are decided on by *Martlet* staff during the Monday Editorial meetings. Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. Monday. For information call the Sports Editor at 721-8360.

Martlet photo by Kevin Woodley

On the run

The Vancouver Capilanos briefly control the ball against the UVic Jutes in the under-19 provincial championships at Centennial Stadium Dec. 15. The Jutes dominated Vancouver, winning 20-0 to claim their third consecutive provincial title.

Reviewing the Vikes' Christmas break

Rugby

The Jutes, UVic's under-19 team, defeated the Vancouver Capilanos 20-0 to win their third consecutive provincial championship.

UVic entered the match with only one loss this season. Their 24-12 defeat came at the hands of New Zealand's Wellington College, one of the top-five high school teams in the world.

The beginning of the high school rugby season means an end to the Jute's schedule. They will travel to Vancouver for a final game against the UBC Old Boys before they finish for the year.

After that several players will move up to play with the UVic Saxons (the under-21 team), Norsemen or possibly the Vikes.

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team had a tough time against high-quality competition at UBC's Thunderbird Invitational Tournament in Vancouver.

UVic lost all four matches, including two losses to the University of Western Ontario their second loss in the Bronze medal game).

The Vikes failed to win any games in the two-day tournament. UBC won the tournament with a 3-2 (15-11, 15-9, 6-15, 14-16, 16-14) victory over the Fridays Club Team.

UVic looks to improve on their 1-9 first-term record when they host Winnipeg this weekend at McKinnon Gym (Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.).

Men's Volleyball

The UVic men's volleyball team hosted five teams, including one from Japan, at an invitational tournament Jan. 2-5.

The Vikes managed wins over Regina and the X-Men (a club team from Vancouver) to earn a spot in the Bronze medal match. They lost 3-2 (15-11, 10-15, 5-15, 15-3, 15-9) to the UVic Alumni team in their final game.

Japan won the tournament with a 3-0 (15-9, 15-6, 15-12) win over UBC.

UVic's Chris MacIver was named to the tournament All-Star team. MacIver had 11 kills and five digs in the final game.

UVic hopes to earn their first points of the season against Winnipeg this weekend.

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Vikes dominate over the break

by Kevin Woodley

The UVic men's basketball team is on a roll.

After winning their final two Canada West games of 1996 by 62 total points over the visiting Lethbridge pronghorns, the Vikes went undefeated in both their Christmas tournaments.

Enroute to claiming both championships, UVic rolled over three teams in the CIAU top-ten and two schools competing in the American NAIA athletic division.

"These results have gained this team [UVic] more respect nationally," said Vikes assistant coach Mike Connelly. "We're hoping to move up in the rankings to number two or number three."

Hinrichsen was again named the MVP and Cannon landed a spot on another tournament All-Star team.

UVic entered the Christmas break ranked fourth in the CIAU but are starting 1997 with a #2 ranking after the new coaches poll was released Wednesday.

UVic started the break Dec. 27 at the Metro Classic Tournament in Toronto. They opened with a sound 82-60 win over #9 York despite having to overcome the effects of traveling the day before.

"It wasn't our best game. The guys were a bit jet-lagged from the day before," said Connelly.

The victory sent UVic into a semi-final match-up with the Brandon Bobcats, the #2 CIAU team before the tournament. Seth Adler, in his first year with UVic after transferring from Malaspina College in Nanaimo, led a stingy Vikes defence in the 77-64 victory.

The Vikes maintained a six-to-eight-point lead before several late transition baskets put the game out of reach for Brandon. Eric Hinrichsen led UVic scorers with 21 points. Pat Cannon and Aaron Olson added 17 and 16 points respectively for the Vikes.

The win over Brandon set up a final against the home team Toronto Varsity Blues. For Connelly it was a chance to coach against his former team. After five years as an assistant coach, Connelly left the University of Toronto to pursue his Masters degree at UVic and earn his levels four and five coaching certificates under Vikes head coach Guy Vetrie at the National Coaching Institute.

Connelly knew the final would be competitive. "U of T doesn't lose many games at home," said Connelly. "In my five years here we lost maybe five times at home."

In addition to the home-court advantage and a # 10 ranking, the Varsity Blues boasted three 6' 8" forwards, making rebounding tough for all opponents.

Hinrichsen simply outworked the trio on way to 34 points and 21 rebounds, earning him the Tournament MVP award. UVic led by 17 at the half and went on to beat Toronto by a 86-66 score.

Cannon was named to the All-Star team for his three-game total of 40 points and 21 rebounds.

The Vikes opened 1997 in a four-team tournament at UBC.

UVic started with a game against Central Washington University and finished against SFU. Both teams compete in the NAIA, which contains mostly American colleges.

The Vikes beat Central Washington 66-64 when Adler hit a jump shot with five seconds left in the game. From there things got easier for the Vikes, who beat SFU 82-16.

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UVic takes its 5-1 Canada West record to Calgary this weekend where they hope to take both games against a running Dinosaurs team.

"It's always tough to play on the road," said Connelly. "The key is to play good D and make no mistakes in their press."

The Vikes return to McKinnon Gym Jan. 17 to play Saskatchewan.

National Coaches Poll (Jan. 7)

Men's:

1. McMaster
2. **Victoria**
3. Brandon
4. Laurentian
5. British Columbia
6. Western Ontario
7. Dalhousie
8. Alberta
9. St. Francis Xavier
10. Toronto

Martlet photo by Eric Morten

Vikes forward Megan Dalziel looks into the Japan junior national team's defence. UVic won the exhibition game 60-53.

Japan the only competition for women's basketball

by Kevin Woodley

The evening began with a tune unfamiliar to most McKinnon Gym regulars – the Japanese National Anthem.

It wasn't long before the crowd saw something it recognized: Lisa Koop and Lindsay Brooke leading the potent running attack of the UVic women's basketball team.

UVic beat Japan's junior national team 60-53 in an exhibition game Monday.

The Japanese team, composed entirely of 18-year-olds, was in town as part of their preparations for the Junior World Championships, held in Brazil this July.

Despite being out of action since their Nov. 30 win over Lethbridge, the Vikes got off to a fast start.

"We showed a little rust," said head coach Kathy Shields, "But we were sharper than I anticipated."

UVic jumped to a 30-16 lead in the first half before allowing the team from Japan back into the game with a late run.

The second half started slowly, with both teams missing shot after shot in their half-court offences.

The Vikes again built up a big lead only to have a late Japan run close the gap.

"We controlled 90 per cent of the game," said Shields. "We didn't put them away when we could have. That was the biggest concern."

Japan displayed great team speed and passing but failed to convert on several lay-ups and shot poorly from the outside.

Lisa Koop was named player-of-the-game for the Vikes.

It was the only opportunity UVic had to play a game over the Christmas break. Their plans to attend an invitational tournament at SFU were disrupted by the Victoria snowfall.

"We couldn't get out, we were snowed in," said Shields. "The biggest disappointment was missing the games. Because of our budget, we don't get enough games."

The snow did allow Shields to hold several high-quality practices in McKinnon Gym.

"We had a lot of intensity at practice because players were able to concentrate without the stress of school or exams," said Shields.

UVic resumes league play in Calgary this weekend against the fourth-place Dinos. The team is looking to continue their perfect first term. Their 6-0 record has them in first place in the Canada West, two points ahead of Alberta.

The Golden Bears pay a visit to McKinnon Gym in two weeks, a series that Shields knows will be important at play-off time.

"We have the toughest part of our schedule coming up to start the second term," said Shields.

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Heaven an unsettling failure

by Dave Hazzan

A Place Called Heaven: The Meaning of Being Black in Canada
by Cecil Foster

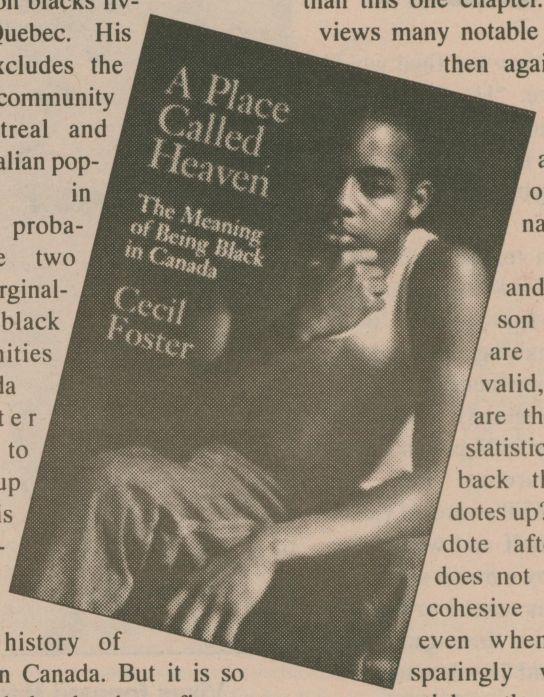
Before the American Civil War, black slaves sang of a free northern land they called "Heaven". This slave-free "Heaven" is now called Canada. *A Place Called Heaven* tries to explain what has happened to blacks in Canada since.

A definitive work on the black experience in Canada is so long in coming, and so important, it makes it all the more painful to admit it hasn't arrived yet. *A Place Called Heaven* does not deliver.

Cecil Foster is undeniably Canada's leading critic on race-relations. He writes for a host of newspapers and magazines, is a regular panelist on Peter Gzowski's Morningside and hosts his own radio call-in show. His work also includes the excellent essay, "Distorted Mirror: Canada's Racist Face." So with all these credentials, why is this book so incomplete, so poorly written, and so empty?

The first problem with *A Place Called Heaven* is that its stories are entirely told with anecdotes. Foster's claims that blacks are the most mistreated minority group in Canada are not backed up with enough research. There are only nine footnotes spread over the 320 pages, with five of those in the last chapter.

Foster's research is limited, focusing mainly on English-speaking Caribbean blacks in Toronto. The only exception is one chapter on blacks living in Quebec. His work excludes the Haitian community in Montreal and the Somalian population in Ottawa, probably the two most marginalized black communities in Canada



Foster tries to make up for this by dedicating a chapter to the history of blacks in Canada. But it is so brief and sketchy that a first-year Canadian History text covers more than this one chapter. He interviews many notable blacks, but then again, it's just more first-person anecdotes of discrimination.

Anecdotes and first-person experiences are certainly valid, but why are there are no statistics given to back these anecdotes up? One anecdote after another does not make for a cohesive argument, even when sprinkled sparingly with news articles, the only other evidence given.

Another problem I had with *A Place Called Heaven* is Foster's writing style. After each story we are told how it relates to his thesis. Although it's nice everything is so clear, I felt like an idiot being told six or seven times each chapter that blacks are the most oppressed minority in Canada. We have been told this already.

Despite all of this, I agree with Foster's argument. I agree with his premise that Canada's right-wing shift is hurting race-relations. However, Foster's work will face many readers less liberal than I.

Cecil Foster's *A Place Called Heaven* is an upsetting and unfortunate failure.

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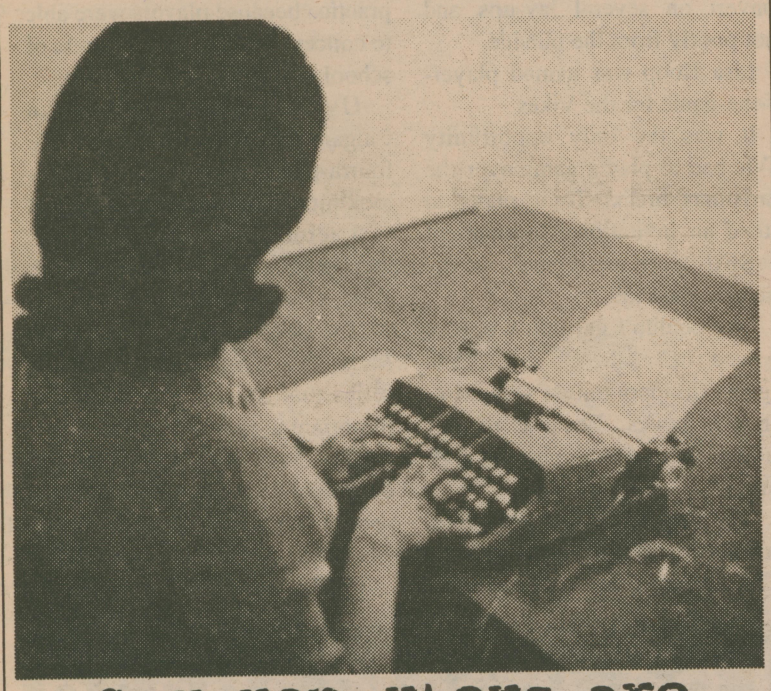

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Carroll bio is exceptional

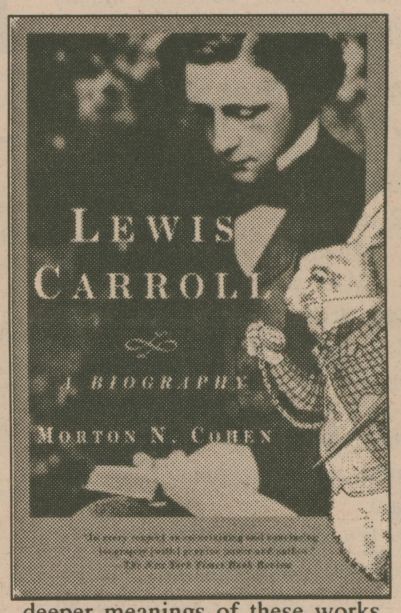
by Clarissa Aykroyd

Lewis Carroll: A Biography
Morton N. Cohen
Vintage Books
1996

Lewis Carroll, first published in 1995 to ecstatic reviews and now appearing in a new edition, is probably the best biography I have ever read. This isn't really surprising, since Morton N. Cohen spent 30 years researching and has already written or edited seven other books on Carroll.

Lewis Carroll, whose real name was Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, is best known for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass*. But Carroll was also a successful mathematician, photographer, preacher and theologian, all of which are fully discussed in this biography.

As well as the Alice books, Cohen examines Carroll's lesser-known works, such as *The Hunting of the Snark* and the *Sylvie* and *Bruno* books. He offers some speculation on the



deeper meanings of these works which were ostensibly meant for children, but avoids the ridiculous theories which burden much of literary criticism today.

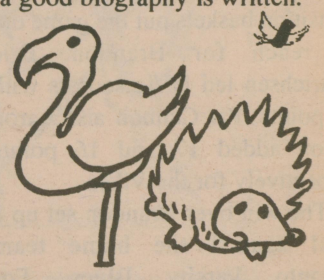
Cohen examines Carroll's strange personality and comes to a reasonable and moderate conclusion, neither deciding that he was one step away from being a child molester nor that he was as pure as the driven snow.

This fairness is one of the hallmarks of this book.

The biography examines Carroll's family background, his relationship with Alice Liddell, who inspired the Alice character, and his religious beliefs. Constant reference is made to Carroll's diary and the countless letters he wrote. Many of Carroll's photos and drawings are also included.

Cohen's evident sympathy and affection for Carroll make the book doubly attractive. He presents Carroll as a complex man with high ideals and standards, but who received less happiness than he gave through his books and his warm personality. The dedication and research convince the reader that this portrait is a true one.

Anyone who is at all interested in the creator of Wonderland will be impressed and enthralled by Lewis Carroll. In fact, it should be read by anyone interested in how a good biography is written.



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Film festival more than talking heads

by Calinda Brown

Naked guys under McKinnon Pool, cross-dressing chefs and police reports. The third annual No-Budget Film Festival had it all.

The students of Writing 320, a script-writing workshop, begged, borrowed and stole to produce their own films for the popular film festival.

Over 200 people, many of whom had a strong resemblance to actors in the films, gathered in Elliot 168 for the premiere of such soon-to-be classic hits as *Dreamboat*, *Someone's Gonna Get Hurt* and *Stranger*.

Although a writing course, not all of the writer/directors depended on traditional narrative forms to tell their stories.

For instance, *Island Kaleidoscope* used images ranging from misty scenes of Long Beach at sunset to long, dark shots of rain forests to convey a sense of a journey around Vancouver Island. *Die Gammen*, an "epic" (and painfully slow) short film, was a surrealist telling of a chess game.

There was even a documentary about the niceties and nasties of going down.

There was even a documentary, Billeh Nickerson's *Talking Head*, about the niceties and nasties of going down.

Sometimes the sound disappeared, or the quality of the film just didn't work, but the films' strangeness added to their charm.

Victoria's biggest film fan, Howie Siegel, was there to view the festival and said a showing at his Roxy Theatre on Quadra could be arranged.

The course, taught by writing instructor Brian Hendricks, is facing extermination by departmental cutbacks. The course's uncertain future helped boost enthusiasm for this year's festival.

Covering the festival were local media, out in full force partially due to a scandal surrounding Brad Cran's film, *Someone's going To get Hurt*. During filming, gun-toting actors were taken for real criminals, drawing a police response. No arrests were made but the incident made the 11 o'clock news.

Organizers are hoping the festival's success will draw more attention to the course and help spare it from the axe.

Chocolate festival not just for kids

by Patrick Lane

If you didn't squeeze enough fun from the holidays, or didn't get your fill of yummy treats, then Chocolate Sunday is the event for you.

Local chocolatiers and chefs will be on hand to exhibit their wares, including chocolate pasta, Belgian Chocolate, ice cream and lattes.

The event is sponsored by the Hadassah-Wizo organization which raises funds to ensure the well-being of women and children in Israel.

In Canada, Hadassah provides scholarships at over 15 universities across the country, including a grant to the UVic Creative Writing Department.

Chocolate Sunday is at the Victoria Conference Centre, this Sunday, Jan. 12 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Entrance tickets can be purchased for a paltry six dollars, which also comes with five tasty chocolate samples.

Children under five are free and there are several events specifically planned for the younger chocolate lovers. A special children's corner will again be set up with a number of activities for the younger chocolate fiends in you family. Face-painting, hat-making, storytelling and guessing games are just some of the exciting fun planned for the kiddies.

An exciting array of door prizes, including a cruise for two on Royal Olympic Cruise Lines, will also be distributed throughout the event.

suddenly i came to my senses
Ginger
EMI
1996

Ginger's new album, *suddenly i came to my senses*, is their second full-length CD since rising from their Grapes of Wrath ashes.

The two Hooper brothers, Chris and Tom, still form the band's core. Beyond this, their line-up seems uncertain. Keyboardist Vince Jones, who was listed as a band member on the previous album, is now listed as a guest musician, while Lanny Hussey is now listed as a band member.

Ginger's first album, *Far Out*, more or less carried on with the trademark Grapes of Wrath sound. Unfortunately this has been abandoned on *suddenly i came to my senses*.

It's true that Ginger should establish an identity for themselves separate from the Grapes of Wrath, but the new album turns them into nothing more than a somewhat-better-than-average '90s band.

Though there are some perfectly pleasant pop songs, there isn't much one would call truly memorable.

The Grapes of Wrath had a sound reminiscent of the early Beatles. While the new songs "him with his foot in his mouth" and "sunday morning blues" sound more "Across the Universe" or "I Am the Walrus," the Beatle's influence is much less successful in this case.

"come to me" has a Led Zeppelin-type drum pattern, but the grinding guitars are irritating and reduce the potential effectiveness of the song. The group doesn't quite seem to know where they want to go with the music. "midnight man" sounds a bit like Jimi Hendrix, but the resemblance is too strong to make it an original song, and too faint to make it interesting.

This isn't a bad album. It features some unusual instruments, fine musicianship. But *suddenly i came to my senses* just doesn't compare to the Grapes of Wrath, who were building a distinctive sound and a sizable following when they broke up. A pity.

by Clarissa Aykroyd

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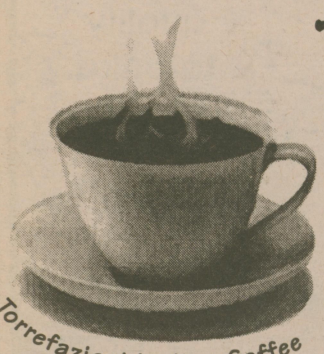

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LATIN AMERICA ASSOCIATION presents "Eco-Tourism in Revolutionary Cuba," with Katrina Elliott on **Thurs., Jan. 16** @ 7:00 pm in Cle C035.

CHAPLAIN CHAT SERIES: "The Face/Image of God: Does Gender Have A Place?" on **Tues., Jan. 21** @ 12:30 in University Centre B228.

Rhythms of the World Festival
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Music

FRIDAYMUSIC featuring School of Music keyboard students of **Fri., Jan., 10** @ 12:30 pm in the Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Free.

FACULTY RECITAL featuring **William Kinderman**, piano, on **Sat., Jan. 11** @ 8:00 pm in the Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Tix $10, $6.

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▸ Community Events ▸

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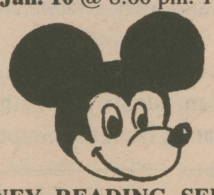
TIBETAN FILM FESTIVAL featuring info and films on the rich culture of Tibet, and the impact of the Chinese occupation. **Jan. 31 and Feb. 1** @ 7:30 pm at Camosun College, Fischer 100. Tix $5/evening.

mile zero, Victoria's new arts and culture magazine is calling for submissions of film and video work to be showcased in January at X-Changes Gallery. **Deadline is Sun., Jan. 12**. For details contact 386-7002.

CAFE SIMPATICO (1923 Fernwood) hosts a video presentation, "Mickey Mouse Goes to Haiti," a video presentation of Haitian workers manufacturing Disney products on **Fri., Jan. 10** @ 8:00 pm. Tix $5, $4.



SIDNEY READING SERIES presents Sunshine Coast poet & essayist Theresa Kishkan reading from "Red Laredo Boots," and Victoria poet Shannon Bailey. **Fri., Jan 24** @ 7:30 pm at Pelicanos Cafe & Bakery. $2.

▸ Notices ▸

OPEN SPACE (510 Fort St.) presents local artist Margaret Boan's "Hot Commodities," an ongoing series of designer lingerie diapers and child portraits from **Jan. 9 to Feb. 1**, 12:00-5:00 pm.

NETWORKS is a new service to assist job seekers. On **Jan. 15** Tania Strecheniuk will outline "10 Steps to Career Planning in the New World Market" from 4:00-5:30 pm at 204-3965 Quadra St. To register call 744-2205.

GROWTOGETHER classes for couples preparing for marriage or for deepening their relationships. Begins **Tues. Jan. 21** from 7:00-9:00 pm in InterFaith Chapel. For details and registration call 721-8338. Cost $150.

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Big Brothers & Big Sisters are needed! The next "Volunteer Information Night" is **Tues., Jan. 16** @ 7:00 pm at 103-3347 Oak St. For info and registration call 475-1117.

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▸ Hey You!!! ▸

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Nicola - don't forget to stop by the SUB for coffee & gossip- P.

Tracy & Helen - thanx 4 brunch! It was absolutely fabulous, sweetie darlings.

Oliver, Oliver, where art thou **Oliver**?

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Danielle & Eric - Look out the stork is coming.

Sharon - whatcha drinking? Is it good?

Una Paloma - I can't believe you left Victoria. You better be at every game or I'll be very upset! - P.

Enough with the fucking **snow** already!

Lupton - You work too hard! Relax and don't forget to eat once in awhile!

All I have to say is : **Hi Paul**.

Hey Sandra - Thanks for the floor at @.

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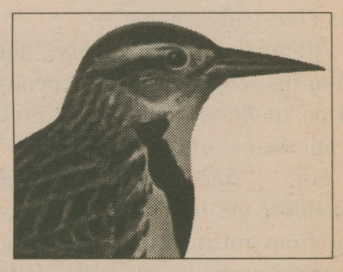

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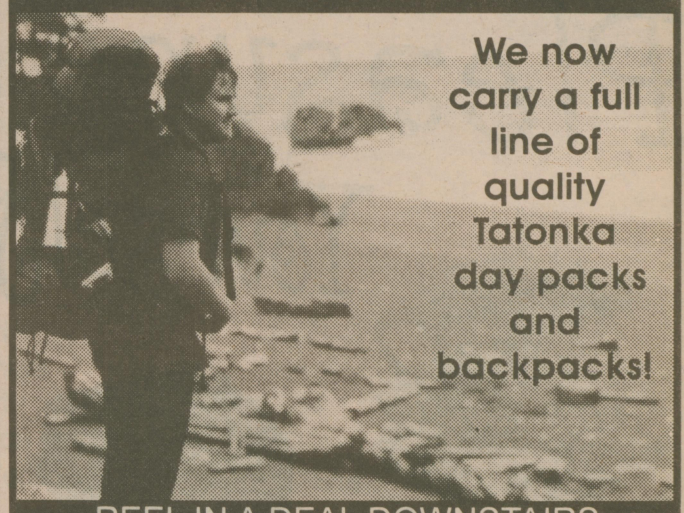

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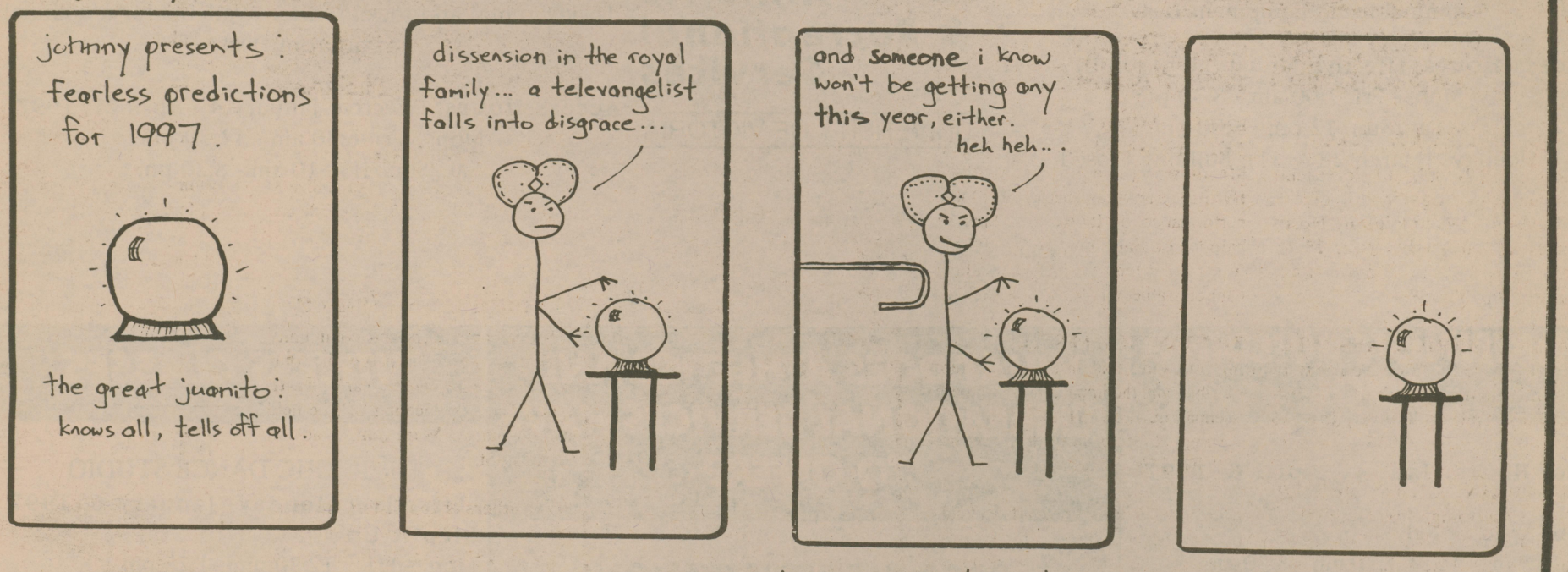
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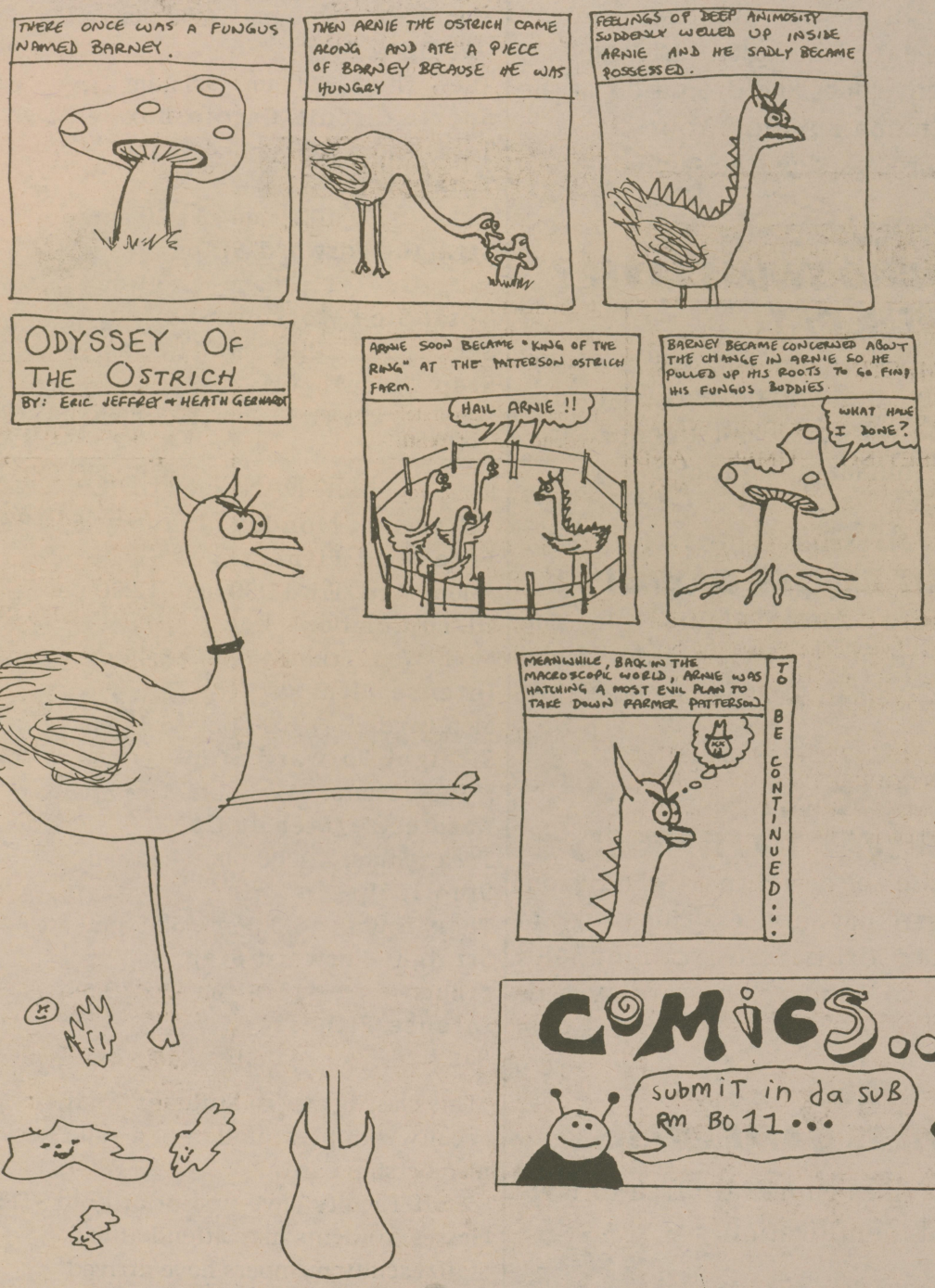
i see nussingk, i know nussingk: jason lake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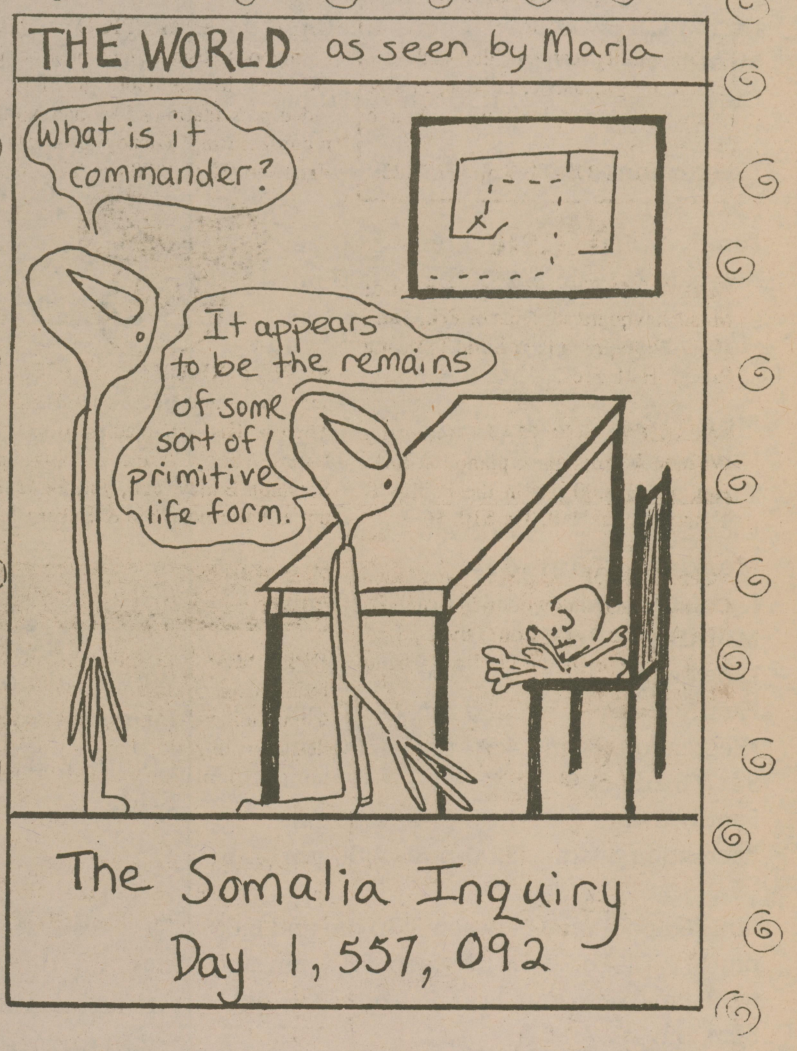
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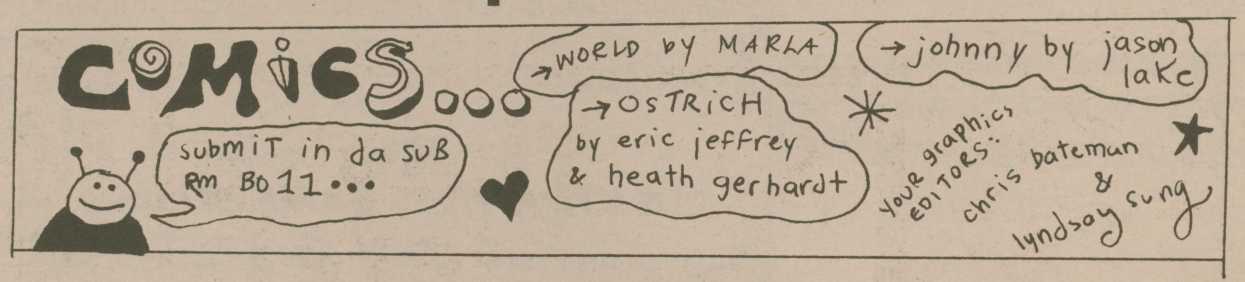
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These university courses can be taken for credit or for general interest. You must be able to navigate the information highway and have access to the Internet.

Interested? For information call (250) 741-2100 **NOW,** or check our website for full details

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Malaspina University-College

McKINNON BUILDING HOURS

Facilities: Swimming Pool, Apparatus Gym, Dance Studio, Gymnasium, Squash Courts, Weight Room Tennis Courts (Outdoor)

Locker rental and towel service available for a nominal fee at Equipment Desk.

Access Hours: Effective January 4 - April 27, 1997
Mon. - Fri. 7:00 am - 8:30 pm
Sat./Sun. 12 pm - 5:00 pm
Holidays (March 28 & 31): Building Closed

Athletics & Recreational Services
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UVIC GORDON HEAD COMPLEX

Courts: Badminton,Racquetball, Squash, Tennis (Indoor/Outdoor) & Sand Volleyball

Facilities: Gymnasium, Ice Rink, Fitness/Weight Centre, Dance Studio, Outdoor Pool & Fieldhouse

Locker rental and towel service available for a nominal fee at Front Desk.

Access Hours: Effective January 4 - April 27, 1997
Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am - 11:30 pm
Sat./Sun./Hol. 10 am - 8:30 pm

McKINNON BUILDING POOL

Pool Hours: Jan. 4 - April 6, 1997

Mon. Wed./*Fri.
Lane Swim 7:30 am - 8:30 am
Tues./Thurs.
Lane Swim 7:00 am - 8:30 am
Monday - Thursday
Recreation Swim 9:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Monday - Friday
Lane Swim 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Family Swim 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
*Recreation Swim 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Sat./Sun
Family Swim 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Recreation Swim 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Pool Hours: April 7 - 27, 1997

Mon./Wed./*Fri.
Lane Swim 7:30 am - 8:30 am
Tues./Thurs.
Lane Swim 7:00 am - 8:30 am
Monday - Thursday
Recreation Swim 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Monday - Friday
Lane Swim 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Family Swim 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
*Recreation Swim 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Sat./Sun
Family Swim 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Recreation Swim 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

*Shared pool time between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm M., T., Th., Fri., between 5:15 pm and 6:00 pm Wed. and Friday from 7:30 am - 8:30 am.

Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rentals

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Mon. - Fri. 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Fri. (also) 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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WHAT DOES ATHLETICS AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES HAVE TO OFFER?

DROP-OFF REGISTRATION for Recreation Activities

No more line ups. No more spending your lunch hours in line. Just fill in your application form, submit the proper fee (GST included), use the special "Drop Off" envelopes and drop it off at the main office in McKinnon Building. Your application will be processed on the same day!

PLUS... EARLY MORNING SWIMS...EVERY WEEK DAY!

Start your morning off early every week day! Monday, Wednesday and Friday, early morning swims begin at 7:30 a.m. Start a half an hour earlier on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 am

AND... WORK OUT BEFORE DAWN!

Well, almost before dawn! Hours for the Fitness/Weight Centre at the UVic Gordon Head Complex are from 6:30 am to 11:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

ALSO... BOX YOUR WAY TO FITNESS!

Try Cardio Boxercise, a new fitness class from Athletics and Recreational Services. This program incorporates boxing drills, crosstraining and interval techniques to enhance the cardiovascular challenge!

FREE! ENJOY A VIKES GAME ON US.

All regular season Vikes games are free to UVic students with valid identification.

Volleyball vs Winnipeg	January 10 & 11, 1997
Basketball vs Alberta	January 17 & 18, 1997
Volleyball vs Saskatchewan	January 24 & 25, 1997
Basketball vs UBC	January 31 & Feb. 1, 1997
Basketball vs Calgary	February 14 & 15, 1997

FITNESS CLASSES

UVIC GHC DANCE STUDIO
Effective: Monday, January 6, 1997

Step It Up
Mon. - Fri. 12:30 pm - 1:25 pm
Step It Up
Mon. - Fri. 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm
Cardio Step
Mon./Wed. 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm
Get Up & Step
Tues./Thurs. 9:00 am - 9:55 am
Sports Circuit/Cardio Box
Tues./Thurs. 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm
Total Step
Sat. 10:15 am - 11:20 am
Straight Forward Step
Sat. 11:30 am - 12:30 am
Total Step Workout
Sun. 10:15 am - 11:20 am
Step Circuit
Sun. 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

McK DANCE STUDIO
Effective: Monday, January 6, 1997

Free Mild Fitness
*Mon./Wed./Fri. 11:30 am - 12:20 pm
Hi/Lo Combo
Mon./Wed./Fri. 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm
Intense Fitness
Mon./Wed. 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm
Straight Forward Step
**Tues./Thurs 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm
Karatecize/Step It Up
Tues./Thurs. 4:00 pm - 4:55 pm
Step It Up
Tues./Thurs. 5:00 pm - 5:55 pm
Straight Forward Step
*Thurs. 11:30 am - 12:20 pm
Intense Fitness
Sat. 4:00 pm - 4:55 pm

*This class is free to Students, Staff, Faculty with presentation of a valid RecPlus membership Card.
**Staff/Faculty have first priority to STEP classes, students may attend after Staff/Faculty members have arrived

McKINNON POOL FITNESS CLASSES
Classes begin January 4, 1997

Aqua Fit Classes
Tues./Thurs. 4:35 pm - 5:30 pm
Hydra Fit Classes
Mon./Wed./Fri. 12:10 pm - 12:50 pm
Mon./Wed./Fri. 4:35 pm - 5:30 pm

For more information call 721-8406
Schedule subject to change